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Amendment after Advisory Action
and
Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action of 09/02/2004, applicants submit herein an Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 and an Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request that the Office reconsider the patentability of the invention in light of the arguments and amendments presented herein. Applicants submit the following in complete response thereto.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claim History

- Claims 1-34 were originally filed on 9/18/2001.
- In the Amendment dated 2/03/2003
 - Claims 31-34 were cancelled in response to a restriction requirement, as being drawn to a non-elected invention;
 - Claims 15 and 16 were cancelled;
 - Claims 1, 10, 17, 19, 25, 28, 29 and 30 were amended; and
 - New claims 35-44 were added.
- In the Amendment after Final dated 8/12/2003:
 - Claim 28 was amended (however, the amendment was not entered by the Office)
- In the Reply to the Advisory Action dated 9/25/2003:
 - The previous amendment to claim 28 was entered.
- A request for continuing examination was filed on 9/25/03, which was accepted. The finality of the previous (Final) Office action was withdrawn.
- In the Amendment filed 02/11/2004, claims 1-44 were cancelled, and new claims 45-60 were added. An amendment to the Specification was presented, but not entered.

Interview with Examiner Lee on 9/15/04

Patent agent R. Watson discussed the most recent Advisory Action with Examiner Lee on 9/15/04. The basic position of Examiner Lee is that *Noordegraaf* teaches a protective coating of parylene on an electronic device, and MEMS devices are a type of electronic device, hence, it would be obvious to put a parylene coating on a MEMS device. I pointed out that the device Applicant is claiming represents a non-functional, intermediate step in the process of fabricating a fully-functional MEMS device.